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## Michael T. Horn, Director of the National Drug Intelligence Center, Receives a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service

Michael T. Horn, Director of the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC), located in Johnstown, PA, received a presidential rank award for Meritorious Service from President George W. Bush at a ceremony in Constitution Hall, Washington D.C. on October 15, 2001. Annually the President confers this award on members of the federal Senior Executive Service who have provided exceptional service to the American people over an extended period of time.

During the presentation, President Bush praised the award recipients saying, "I have come to Constitution Hall today to express my appreciation for your dedication and integrity, your commitment to excellence, and your love of our country. The work of both career and political employees during the last nine months has been outstanding. We've accomplished a great deal together."

Mr. Horn, as NDIC Director, is responsible for the center's mission to provide strategic drug intelligence to national policy makers and leads a staff of approximately 300 people. The center is a component of the Department of Justice under the direction of the Deputy Attorney General. During his tenure as Director, he oversaw the expansion of NDIC. He also was instrumental in instituting a program designed to quickly collect, analyze and produce strategic drug intelligence stemming from the nation's state and local law enforcement agencies. Before coming to NDIC, Mr. Horn had a distinguished 30-year career as a Special Agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In addition to working in various cities throughout the country, he served as DEA Country Attaché in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Ankara, Turkey. In November 1996, Mr. Horn accepted the position of Chief of DEA's Office of International Operations and retired from DEA in 1998.

Michael T. Horn